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## Viewing cable 07BOGOTA4029, PRESIDENT URIBE EXPLAINS UNILATERAL RELEASE OF \

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#07BOGOTA4029**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">07BOGOTA4029</a>	<a href="#">2007-06-05 18:03</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Bogota</a>

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RUEHZP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA 0353  
RUEHQT/AMEMBASSY QUITO 5726  
RUEHGL/AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL 3978  
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RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC  
RUEAWJA/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC  
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Spain, France, and Switzerland on June 4 welcomed Uribe's \  
action and encouraged the FARC to respond to the initiative. \  
Sarkozy's office said the French president had "explicitly \  
requested" that Uribe release Granda and welcomed his \  
Colombian counterpart's "very important and courageous \  
decision." \

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International Support for FARC Prisoner Release \  
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14. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXX said French President Nicholas Sarkozy had \  
asked Uribe to release Granda. Uribe decided to accommodate \  
Sarkozy's request, telling XXXXXXXXXXXXX and the Colombian High \  
Command that Granda's release was "a cheap price to pay" to \

win Sarkozy's support and to get another advocate for \  
Colombia within the G-8. Still, XXXXXXXXXXXXX said the GOC \  
believed the French do not have an independent channel to the \  
FARC. They rely on Swiss official and academic Jean-Pierre \  
Gontard to communicate with the group. XXXXXXXXXXXXX speculated it \  
was the Swiss who had urged Sarkozy to ask for Granda's \  
release. He said the FARC's and Granda's negative reaction \  
to the initiative indicated the Swiss had misread the FARC's \  
position. XXXXXXXXXXXXX said the French appear to be talking with \  
the FARC through a "broken telephone." \

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GOC Considers No Risk to Security \  
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15. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXX said the release of 200 lower-ranking FARC \  
would pose no risk to GOC security. Armed Forces Commander \  
General Padilla and other commanders supported Uribe, with \  
Padilla saying it was better to release the prisoners \  
unilaterally rather than as part of a despeje or negotiation. \  
XXXXXXXXXXXX said separating those FARC willing to accept the \  
release from more committed FARC in jail would also help \  
isolate/identify hardliners and weaken their position. He \  
said the FARC continued to maintain control over most FARC \  
prisoners held by the GOC. \  
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